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THE 36TH AT CHURCH

JUBILEE SERVICE

A Large Turnout and a Very Attractive Service.

No. 1 Company of the 36th Peel Battalion headed by the Mechanics' Band marched to Christ Church on Sunday evening. The full strength of the company was in the march and the general impression was that not for many years had No. 1 presented as good an appearance. The church was filled to overflowing and many persons desirous to do so were unable to gain admittance. The service, which was choral throughout, was rendered with beautiful and unimpressive (impressive) effect by the efficient choir of the church, the hymns, which were all specially appropriate, being heartily joined in by the congregation.

The Bolton Enterprise, January 17, 1896.

Localettes.

Should war break out between England and Germany the chances are we will lose one of our esteemed citizens. Thos. H. Foster claims to be a nephew of Lord Wolesley, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces, and expects soon to be called upon to assist his distinguished relative through the impending trouble.

"The Conservator" Feb. 1, 1917. Brampton

ONE DAY WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN IN BRAMPTON, MONDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY 5th.

THE APPEAL TO BRAMPTON

A one-day whirlwind campaign to raise funds will be conducted on Monday next, February 5.

The first time Brampton citizens will have an opportunity to assist in the work being done by the Y.M.C.A. for the soldiers at home and overseas.

Subscriptions will be solicited from men only, but any amount voluntarily contributed by the women will be most gratefully received by any member of the Committee.

$1,500 has already been subscribed by members of the Committee, and a large sum is looked for.

The amount subscribed may be paid any time during February.

All subscriptions will be acknowledged through the press, in due course, in detail.

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Brampton has not been called upon for a voluntary subscription since Octover, 1915. Everybody is working. A day's pay for the comfort of the men who are fighting out battles will be cheerfully given.

Five cents a day would not be a great deal to deny one's self. Five cents a day for one month from the people of Brampton would amount to $7,000. Who would not make that small sacrifice to make possible the work of the Y.M.C.A. to the soldiers.

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$6000 GIVEN TO THE Y.M.C.A.

By the People of Brampton For Work Among Soldiers.

A contribution of $6000 to the Y.M.C.A. for work amongst the soldiers overseas made by the people of Brampton on Monday last is an evidence of confidence of the people in the organization and of their continued desire to contribute in this way to the welfare of the soldiers and to the cause of the Empire.

Feb. 15 (Contributions ranged in amount from 25¢ to $500, the latter being given by Judge Justin.)

A complete list was given in the Conservator of above date.

The Toronto Evening Telegram 1908

SHOUT YE LOYAL BRITONS WAS SONG OF '66

Patriotism In Brampton

"Brampton people didn't exactly think the end of the world was coming when Fenian news began to sift thicker and faster across the border in those days of '66, but some of them acted as scared as if such had been the case," said Mr. F.O.Smith, recalling the incidents of the invastion. "It is little wonder though, when you think of the kind of stuff, that was served up to us in some of the newspapers.

"There in Brampton in those stirring spring days, knots of people would gather on the street corners waiting for news, and pretty soon a Yankee paper containing something like this would be passed from hand to hand:

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS.

"Fenians by the hundreds of thousamds are massing along the frontier and it is in all likelihood but a matter of a few days when they will pour into Canada." or "The invaders have almost reached Niagara after a long and determined march and have already murdered several Canadian scouts"

"Such rumors reached us continually all through that spring, mixed with allusions to the gory swords

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of the invaders and the fate which was in store for the brave sons and fair daughters of Canada, and though many of the better informed citizens took with a grain of salt the 'hundreds of thousands', who were to wipe out our country, the fact that Fenians were really on the move was enough to drive people nearly frantic with fear.

"This you know, was before May 31st, on which day the call for volunteers flashed out from Toronto, and the rebels prepared for the battle of Ridgeway.

WERE ALL CANADIANS

"It was splendid to see the way our fellows took the call. Farmers' sons around Brampton, tall and stalwart. Canadians to the backbone, just about tumbled over each other to get into the ranks. You see it was a different Canada in those days. That generation was too near the one which had worn itself out chopping, ploughing and clearing up land, and knew too well the cost of the farms they lived on to think of lightly giving them up to any Fenians that ever breathed. They were all Canadians too. You didn't see a bunch of Swedes here and another of Dagoes there;

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just native-born men, splendid, hardy young fellows.

DOWN OLD FOOTPATHS

"Everyone was ready to fight. Companies sprang up like mushrooms all over the country, and very often the drill-sergeant would have two or three of his sons in the ranks. When they drilled their thoughts didn't run to any great extent on razzle-dazzle uniforms and shining helmets and all the other footlight accountrements, but their homespun coats and old straw hats covered hearts and brows as brave and manly as any that ever figured in story-books. They didn't march over pavements, amongst crowds and bands and electric lights, to learn in fine city drill-halls how to polish off the enemy, but they dropped the plough, milked the cows and fed the pigs, and down the old footpaths through the trees, they hurried here and there, alone, with just the ~~x~~/ stars looking down to see and the Master of battles best to know that as each fellow joined his comrades on the common, the spirit of death before surrender was as strong in his heart as if in the end he had been really called to lay down his life for Canada.

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BIG MILITARY BOOM

"The common? Yes, there at Brampton before the drill shed was built, night after night, our fellows 'right about faced' and 'shouldered arms' their heavy boots tramping over solid earth with not a board above, around or beneath them.

"There was a great military boom all over the country, and in no time drill sheds, were going up everywhere on the 'while-you-wait' plan. The excitement used to be intense when the companies that were ordered to the front marched into Bramptoh to take the train. Every company had its bugler. Lots of them were little fellows, with blue ribbon strung across their shoulders. I can just see how the Derry West and Grahamsville boys looked as they marched in, and how the people gathered around them.

AT THE STATION

"The day the Derry West boys and a company of our fellows started from Brampton was a red-letter day of the brightest and most scarlet kind. Men and women and children from the country miles around crowded to the station to see them off. Lots of the women tried to chaff the red-coats, but some would burst out crying just in the midst of a joke, and others would turn away and start up some song.

"I had just had several dozen copies of

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'Shout, Ye Loyal Britons.' a song written by Thomas Wilson of Brampton, printed, and when I got to the station I climbed on top of a box car and commenced handing the sheets of paper down to the volunteers. The red-coat sleeves shot up at the rate of sixty a minute and everybody was yelling "Here!, Here!" Just as quick as they were all supplied I sang the words to the air of "The Boys are Marchin." and it wasn't five minutes before the whole atmosphere was thick with 'Loyal Britons,' the boys singing with heads thrown back, caps swinging, and their wives, sweethearts and neighbors joining in between tears and smiles. Oh, I tell you, it was a grand time, especially when the train pulled out and everybody went wild with cheering as the echo of 'Our Beloved Canadian Home ' came ringing down the track and the waving caps disappeared from the car windows in the distance.

SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT!

"In the cottage by my side
Sits the darling of my pride,
While our happy children round us are at play;
But the news spread through the land
That the Fenians are at hand,
And our country's call we'll cheerfully obey.

" 'Shout, shout, shout, ye loyal Britons!
Cheer up, let the rebels come,
For beneath the Union Jack we will drive the
Fenians back,
And we'll fight for our beloved Canadian home.

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"I O' Mahoney wanting cash,
Maybe contemplates a dash,
With his dupes upon our tills to make a raid;
But they'll find to their dismay
That the think will never pay,
And off British ground we'll make them wish
they'd stayed.

"Chorus: 'Shout, shout, shout, etc.

"'Now as British volunteers
For the Queen we'll give three cheers,
Her army and her navy o'er the seas.
On each heart her name's engraved,
With the good old flag that's braved
For a thousand years the battle and the breeze.'

"Chorus: 'Shout, shout, shout,' etc.

HE WOULD KILL ONE

"The patriotic fever got mighty hot that day, and everybody caught it, from the babies to the grandfathers. One old fellow about eighty, standing there on the track after the train went - and I regret to add that, in addition to patriotism, he had also imbibed two or three horns of whiskey-swung his old felt hat and shouted in a quavering voice: 'Byes, if I could carry a musket, I'd kill a Fanyan very quick! '

"Strangers, who weren't several miles above suspicion, used to get 'run in' every time they struck the town in those days, and some nights the lock-up

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would be crammed with poor, inoffensive hoboes, who had never drawn a salary, much less a gun; but they were generally in before they could get their breath and ask what the matter was, anyway."

THE OLD 36TH

Mr. Smith had strong words of admiration for the old 36th Battalion, stationed at Brampton, which was formed in September, 1866.

"They had some splendid officers in command," he said, "I remember well, among the early officers, Major Stork and Captain Dodds, the latter of whom was as fine a looking man as one could wish to see on parade. There were supposed to be fifty-five men in a company, but I think that at the time of the Fenian scare this rule was made elastic, to take in more.

"I was a small slight fellow, so small they would not accept me in the ranks, but I did all I could in the line of helping about military bands and music, and I well remember Col. D.L.Scott, now Judge Scott of Saskatchewan, getting up a subscription and obtaining a sword for me from the other officers.

"Oh, they were genuine people in the old days," went on Mr. Smith, "andthey had some genuine soldiers. I believe another Fenian invasion would be good for military matters."

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GRENADIER REMEMBERS.

Mr. R.S.Harrison of 666 Ontario streets, this city, one of the senior members of the Grenadiers, recalled the day the Derry West Company came to Toronto, and the singing of "Shout Ye Loyal Britons."

"We were quartered at the Bay Horse on Yonge street, he said, "Our officers being Messrs Thomas Grafton, Captain Tilt, First Lieutenant, and Charles Hunter, Color Sergeant. We sang the song which came from Brampton with us to the tune of 'The Boys Are Marching,' with all the lustiness of our lungs, and every one of us, from Captain Grafton down, liked it fine. I got to know the old drill shed on Front street pretty well in those days, for you know the country volunteers were the ones who took up day duties during the Fenian scare.

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The Daily Globe, Toronto, Canada West, Friday June 8, 1866

Brampton Infantry Company

By the 5 o'clock Grand Trunk train, yesterday afternoon, the Brampton Infantry Company, under Captain Stork, arrived in this city. The company consists of three officers and forty-three rank and file. Sergt. Smith, of this company, lately belonged to the Grenadier Guards, and will no doubt prove a great acquisition to the company.

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EXTRACT FROM THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW VOL. No. 1, OF MONDAY AUGUST 12th., 1867. No. 32.

ANNUAL RIFLE MATCH

The first Rifle Match of the 36th Peel Battalion, came off on the 13th, 14th and 15th days of June, it having taken a portion of the third day to conclude the contests, on account of the large number of entries. The weather during the whole time was ~~exceptionally~~ excessively warm, with stiff breezes prevailing, which operated very unfavourably against the aim of the marksmen.

The attendance of ~~the~~ spectators each day was large, including a few of the fair sex. The ground selected for the contest was that on the Farm of John Elliott, Esq., sen., and presented during the three days an animated scene. The proceedings commenced each day at ~~ten~~ 10 o'clock in the morning. Major Gracey and Lieut.-Colonel Dennis were present on both days, and took great interest in the proceedings. We append below such portions of the various scores as claim a mention in the order of merit;-

FIRST DAY - OPENING MATCH - Three prizes, ~~namely~~ viz.: $10, ~~00~~ $6, ~~00~~ and $4; ~~00~~ Open to Non-commissioned Officers and men of the Battalion only. Range ~~two hundred yds.~~ 200 yards, ~~five~~ 5 rounds; entrance 25 cts.; Enfield rifle. In this match there were ~~no~~ 43 entries.

~~First prize Cpl.~~ Corp. Shannon, ~~score 11~~ ... 34220 11 1st Prize

~~Second prize Pte.~~ Private Sinclair, ~~Score 11~~ ... 22223 11 2nd do

~~Third Prize Cpl.~~ Corp. Jenkins ~~Score 11~~ ... 22322 11 3rd do

At the conclusion of this match, the following trials of skill took place.

Major Gracey and Captain Stork, at 200 yards;

Names Triple match competitors

Sergt. Stewart
P. Beamish
Corp. Yemshaw
P. St. John
C. Sting
C. Campbell
P. Burrows
" Richardson
" Oliver, W. T.
" Brown
Corporal St. John
P. Hare
Sergeant Hull
" Elliott
" Nesbitt
P. Parr
" Judge

Engineer Reddan
Captain Grafton
Private Beamish
Sergeant Smith
Captain Brewster
Private Loucklin
Sergeant T. Campbell
Priv. Minger
Sergeant Jeffries
Sergeant Webster
O. M. master Bell
Private Cummings
Sergeant Ferguson
M. H. Ross
Private Sinclair
Ensign Hazzard

200	400 Total		
332	233	16	1st Prize
	233	15	2nd do.
232	233	14	3rd do.
223	430	14	
332	042	14	
323	222	14	

(1) Major Gracey
Capt. Orr
(John) adjutant Nesbit
(Arthur) Ensign (Nanaffy)
Private Cummings

It will be seen by the above that Major Gracey won the 1st prize of $12. Capt. Orr, the 2nd of $8, and the 3rd of $4. adjutant Nesbitt who shot off with the other two ties, Ensign (Nahaffy) and Private Cummings, being the winner, and scoring 6 at 400 yards. Mr Sheriff Brodey in

Major Gracey ~~Score of 15~~ 43233 15438

Captain Stork ~~score of 6.~~ 22020 6

At ~~four hundred~~ 400 yards, Colonel Dennis and Major Gracey! —

Major Gracey ~~score of 15,~~ ~~Colonel Dennis score of 6.~~ 23023 8

Colonel Denis 20030 6

Judge Scott presented prizes to the successful competitors in this match.

1st Prize, Corpl. Shannon No. 8 Compy $10

2nd Prize Sinclair, No. 7 Comp'y 6

3rd Corpl. Jenkins No. 2 Comp'y 4

$20

~~THE SECOND MATCH~~ — Three prizes, — $12, ~~00~~, $8, ~~00~~ and $4, ~~00~~ Open to officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Battalion, was next proceeded with — Ranges ~~two hundred~~ 200 and ~~four hundred~~ 400 yards; ~~xxxxx~~. ~~Three~~ 3 rounds each range. enfield rifle; entrance 25 cents. In this match there were no less than ~~sixty~~ 60 competitors, ~~and~~ .... ~~First prize, Major Gracey, score of 16~~ highest possible score 24

Second prize, Capt. Orr, score 15

Third Prize, Adjutant Nesbitt, score of 14.

Adjutant Nesbitt ~~shot off with Ensign Mahaffey, and Pte. Cummings for third place.~~

(1) → The Mr. Sheriff Broddy presented prizes to the winners in this match.

3rd match ~~THIRD MATCH~~ — $30, ~~00~~, four prizes, viz.: ~~namely~~ $12, ~~00~~ $8, ~~00~~ $6, ~~00~~ ~~and~~ $4, ~~00~~ — Open to all comers residing in the County. Any position not involving an artificial rest; ranges 300 480 yards; entrance 50 cents. Number of entries 34. This match was well contested, Major Gracey ~~securing~~ scoring 17, and taking prize No. 1; Adjutant Nesbitt 13, Captain Grafton 12; and ~~Sgt.~~ Sergt. Jeffries 11. and the 3rd;

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This match concluded the proceedings of the the first days trials of skill, and a reference to the scores we have given show conclusively that the Volunteers of Peel ~~Bn.~~ Battalion have not been idle since their formation.

~~(Mr. Chisholm)~~

The Reeve presented the prizes to the winners in this match.

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				Total
No. 5,	Corpl	Gunshaw	22032	9
	Private	Cummens	22203	9
	"	Brown	02342	11
	"	Oliver	20230	7
A	"	Golding	02200	4
				40

~~in this match.~~

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SECOND DAY

On the second day the interesting proceedings were resumed, at the same hour, commencing with the ~~fourth~~ 4th or Battalion match, for $25.~~00.~~ Streetsville Company ~~No.5~~, carried off the palm, ~~securing~~ scoring 40, as under. 100

No.1, ~~Rifles~~ Brampton Rifles scored ~~29,~~ " " " 29

No.8, Mono Mills ~~Coy. 28,~~ Compy " " " 28

No.3, Brampton Infantry ~~Coy. 26,~~ Compy " " 26

No.6, Alton ~~Coy. 23,~~ Compy " " " 23

No.4, Albion Company ~~22,~~ " " " " " 22

No.9, Tullamore ~~Coy. 20,~~ Compy " " " 20

No.2. Orangeville ~~Coy. 15.~~ Compy " " " 15

MATCH NO. 5.

The great attraction of the second day was the contest for a splendid silver cup, presented by Major Gracey, " Adjutant Nesbitt, " contributed a ~~Mersham~~ Meerschaum Pipe, " and for both prizes five members from each ~~Coy.~~ compy competed. The two highest scores made by ~~the~~ five to be entitled to the prizes, each winning five to fire off for the individual ownership of the prize. Range 300 ~~yds.~~ yards; 5 rounds enfield rifle.

~~Scores.~~ No.9 Tullamore 34,

No.4, Coy. Albion 32

No.5, Streetsville Coy. 32

No.7, Grahamsville Coy. 34,

No.3, Brampton Infantry Coy. 28,

No.8, Mono Mills Coy. 25,

No.1, Brampton Rifles 17,

No.2. Orangeville Coy. 14.

When the individuals trials were over, to establish the ownership of the Cup and Pipe, it was found that the

B Adjutant Herbert ... 334 444 32 1st
Captain Orr ... 043 344 18 2nd
Private Sinclair ... 334 332 18 3rd
W. J. Oliver 17
Sergeant Stewart 16

former had been won by Pte. Samuel Beamish, No. 9, Company and the latter bt Pte. Oliver, of No.5, Company. The chief prize is a handsome silver goblet, gilt inside, with figures of marksmen in relief in different attitudes. Colonel Dennis presented the prizes.

SIXTH MATCH - Merchant's Prize, $40.00. - First prize, $12.00, second $10.00, third $8.00, fourth $6.00, fifth $4.00. Open to all comers. For this match there were fifty-six entries, and the average on the whole score good.

First prize Adjutant Nesbitt, 22,
Second prize Capt. Orr 18,
Third Prize Pte. Sinclair 18
Fourth prize, Pte. W. J. Oliver 17,
Fifth prize Sgt. Stewart 16.

Judge Scott presented the prizes to the winners in this match. It was open only to those who had not won a prize in any of the preceeding matches.

$21.00 in six prizes of $6.00, $5.00, $4.00, $3.00, $2.00 and $1.00. Five rounds of 200 yds. There were fifty-three entries. It was necessary to shoot off ties for the various places. No entrance fee ..... Entries 53.

First prize went to	Ensign Booth,	32223	12
Second "	Ensign Hassard	22323	12
Third "	Cpl. Campbell	22332	12
Fourth "	Ensign Mahaffey	22323	12
Fifth "	Pte. Robinson	32222	11
Sixth "	Pte. E. Beamish.	22034	11

Major Gracey distributed the prizes for this match, and thus terminated the First Annual Rifle match of the 36th Peel Battalion.

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Everything connected with it went off with good order, and feeling, and not a single incident or casualty occurred to mar the general satisfaction. Taken as a whole the debut of the Battalion was very creditable, and will we are sanguine stimulate both officers and men to cultivate practice during the ensuing year, in order that at the second annual match, the average of 2 figure of merit of the competitors may exhibit so decided an improvement, as to warrant their aspiring to try their skill at the target against any other Battalion in the Province.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES —

Not the least interesting feature of the Rifle Match was the presentation of the prizes, and the opportunity it afforded the gentlemen who officiated to make some very encouraging and appropriate remarks to those who were the fortunate winners. Judge Scott, on presenting the prizes for the first match observed that rifle matches were the glory of the volunteers, and dwelt upon the necessity of their becoming national marksmen. The prizes of the ~~second~~ 2nd Match were presented by Mr. Sheriff Broddy, who said that "Rifle Matches" were new to him, but that the shooting of Major Gracey entitled him to great credit, as he had made 22 points out of a possible total of 24.

The Reeve, K. Chisholm. Esq., delivered to the winners the prizes for the 3rd match, and congratulated them in very appropriate terms.

Lieut.-Lt, Col. Dennis presented the prizes to the winners in the 4th and 5th match, including the elegant silver cup, presented by Major Tracy, which was won by Private ~~Pte.~~ S. Beamish, of No.9 Company Tullamore Infantry ~~Coy.~~ Col. Dennis complimented

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the winner of the cup, and wished that he might never want something good to drink out of it, also the Tullamore ~~Coy.~~ Company on the improvement they had made since their recent organization.

Major Gracey very gracefully presented the prizes to the winnders in the Consolation Match.

P Gracey

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THE PEEL AND DUFFERIN REGIMENT

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No.3 Company with headquarters at Brampton, Ont., having become non-effective it is hereby removed from the list of corps of the active militia.

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36th BATTALION.

No. 1 Co. 36th Peel Battalion, will practise rifleshooting at the ranges in Packham's flats, commencing on Saturday afternoon next, in order to obtain practice for the annual battalion match at Beeton on Sept. 27th. It is desirable that all members of the company be present, and any persons who are not members wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity to practise at the ranges may do so by applying to Mr. J.M. Scott, for particulars.

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Military

Canada Military Gazette,

Sporting and Literary Chronicle.

Ottawa, Tues, March 10, 1857.

Rifle Companies

BRAMPTON

G. Wright, captain	3 Apr. 56
A. A. Anderson, lieutenant	15 May, 56
J. Hurst, ensign	3 July, 56